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Sir:

This paper is being submitted to support the Request for Continued Examination filed October 23, 2007 under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
 of this paper; and
- Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.